total investment involved State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether these ventures have solved the problem of unemployment of the country to any extent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, steps proposed to be taken to monitor these projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, Details of total projects including that of Joint ventures approved from August, 1991 to September, 1996 for each State and Union Territory with total investment involved is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). Data on employment generation with specific linkage to Foreign Direct Investment is not centrally maintained. It is obvious that when foreign investment is made in the industry, it would result in generation of employment opportunities.

Amendment in the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation Act, 1986)

1780. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring certain amendments in the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Statement

State-wise statement for foreign direct investment (FDI) cases approved during the post policy period i.e. August, 1991 to September, 96

State	Aug'91-Sep'96	
	No.	Investment (Rs. Crore)
OTHER (LOCATION NOT INDICATED)	1616	27315.65
DELHI	412	16556.04
MAHARASHTRA	753	11437.14
TAMIL NADU	483	5006.99
WEST BENGAL	157	4897.17
KARNATAKA	381	4747.16
GUJARAT	224	3379.03
ORISSA	40	2720.93
UTTAR PRADESH	198	2407.13
ANDHRA PRADESH	268	2207.59
MADHYA PRADESH	93	2021.12
PUNJAB	60	800.74
HARYANA	239	691.73
RAJASTHAN	119	516.75
KERALA	56	509.93
HIMACHAL PRADESH	20	318.62
GOA	32	260.05
PONDICHERRY	27	250.75
BIHAR	26	114.75
CHANDIGARH	12	72.46

State	*Aug'91-Sep'96*	
	No	*Investment (Rs. Crore)*
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	14	66.39
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2	11.06
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1	8.05
DAMAN & DIU	7	5.72
MEGHALAYA	1	2.50
ASSAM	4	1.50
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	5	0.98
TRIPURA	1	0.68
LAKSHADWEEP	1	0.50
Total	5252	86329.05

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Certain amendments in the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 were being comtemplated. With the announcement of the Common Minimum Programme of the present Government, which *inter-alia* seeks abolition of child labour from all occupations and industries, a fresh look on the earlier proposals in consultation with the State Governments has become necessary. State Government have, therefore, been requested to send their suggestions in the matter.

Allocation of Funds under the Centrally sponsored scheme for the Handicapped persons

1781. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored scheme formulated by the Government for the handicapped persons in the country;

(b) if so, the allocation of funds during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97, Statewise;

(c) whether the funds provided by Government for the purpose were not fully utilised; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of funds in the welfare of handicapped persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of the Handicapped aims to help the disabled persons for getting themselves registered for gainful employment either through Special Cells in normal Employment Exchanges or through Special Employment Exchanges for physically handicapped functioning in different States/UTs. The scheme is implemented through the State Government/UT Administrations. The extent of central financial assistance is 100% in the case of Special Cells and 80% in the case of Special Employment Exchanges.

(b) State/UT-wise allocation of funds under the above scheme are not made but the funds are released to State Govts./UT Admns. on receipt of their vaiable proposals. Allocation under the